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Factors Affecting County Prospects					
	1995-2000		2000-2005		2010-2015
	Percent	Percent change	Percent change	Percent	
Ethnic					
Latino		10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Hispanic		10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Asian		5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
African American		15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%
European American		45.0%	45.0%	45.0%	45.0%
Middle Eastern		2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
East Asian		3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
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The populations of some of the world's largest cities could double by the end of the century, adding to critical housing problems in cities such as Karachi.



Poor migrants from rural to urban areas frequently become squatters. Migrants' shacks near San Salvador have no water, sewer, or electricity, and are threatened by flooding in



It downtown Karachi, investors have settled behind a new luxury hotel and make a living from the trash it generates.



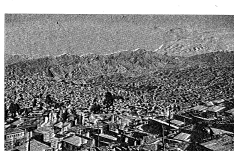
This area in Guatemala, where maize erosion is claiming land from agriculture, illustrates how overpopulation results in exploitation of areas unsuitable for traditional farming and brings deterioration of rural environments and greater poverty.



Extremely high densities and the absence of utilities and the means of removing sewage and garbage characterize squatter areas in cities such as Jakarta, making conditions of poverty, festering epidemics and other diseases a constant public health threat.



Population growth in large Third World cities is accommodated largely in single-story housing that spreads for miles, as illustrated in La Paz, and drives up the cost of utilities and services.



In Mohandiasia, a newly constructed middle-class district in Cairo, migrants maintain livestock to ensure subsistence



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